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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (24th Sunday after Trinity)
World Day of the Poor – 15 November 2026



This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him, by burying it, because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr Rob, Parish Priest

Readings and psalm responses

10am Psalm response	First reading	Gospel
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	Matthew 25:14-30
	Second reading	
	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	

Parish Finance

Offertory, Mass stipends, candles, repository, online and other donations £1,436.62

Ways to give to our church

- Scan the QR code on the front page
- justgiving.com/page/stjohnvianneyclayhall
- dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations
- Cash or Dona machine in church
- Planned giving envelopes
- Standing order: sort code 40-13-22

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Notices and events

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is usually available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement.

Monday evening Mass

Mass in Latin will be celebrated at **6.30pm** on **Monday 16 November**, the feast day of S. Edmund of Canterbury, *Bishop*, *Confessor*.

Living Rosary – intention for November

Almighty Father, we lift up all our sick and unwell parishioners. Bring them your healing touch, comfort their pain, and grant them strength and peace in their hearts.

We also remember all the souls who have gone before us. May they rest in your eternal light and peace, and may your love surround those who miss them. Amen.

World Day of the Poor

Today is the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6).

Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the World Day of the Poor, invites the Church to an examination of conscience: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?" How much more are we called to do – in our communities, in our nations – "on behalf of the poor and for their liberation." Echoing the words of his predecessor, Pope Francis, he reminds us that "we are the Lord's Church, a Church of the poor?" When we look at the Church in England and Wales, is this the Church we see, a Church of the poor? He quotes from his first exhortation, Dilexi te, with an even more direct challenge:

"God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. Therefore, even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And the Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place."

www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor/

Mass intentions

Please complete a Mass request envelope, insert your donation and give it to Fr Rob or Sonia. You can also use the card reader or QR code but add your name and complete an envelope as well so that we have all the details of your request.

World Youth Sunday – 22 November

There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service next Sunday, to support events, retreats and pilgrimages for young people in Essex and East London. Please use our card machine in church or the QR code on this newsletter.

If you wish, you can also donate directly to BCYS online at www.bcys.net/donate, and please do visit the website to find out more about how to get involved. You can also follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

Our lamps

Our Lady of Walsingham's lamp burns this week for the intention of Anton Paul Sivalingham RIP at the request of Preya Senthel.

You can sponsor any of our six lamps by using an envelope from the narthex.

Young Adults (18-40) Wreath Making Social

Friday 4 December at 7.30pm at Fr Rob's house, cost £30 each to cover the materials to make the wreaths, and we ask that everyone brings cash on the evening. Food and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church so that we can confirm numbers for catering and be aware of any food allergies.

Books

Last chance to take the books available at the back of church – yours for a donation.

First Holy Communion class 2027

Our First Holy Communion programme for 2027 will begin in a few months so if your child is aged 7-10 (school years 3-6), please ask Sonia for an application form. All forms must be submitted by **6 December**.

Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings of active members take place on most Sundays after the 10am Mass. Auxiliaries are most welcome to join us.

Redbridge Foodbank

Your gifts of tinned fruit, fish, vegetables and tomatoes, long-life drinks, cereals, custard, jam, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the foodbank table in the corner of the Newman chapel.

Mobile phones

Please silence or turn off your mobile phone during Masses and periods of devotion.

Parish repository

Our repository now has Christmas cards and lots of other Christmas items and gifts for sale, as well as Mass cards, candles and other devotional items. Open after the Sunday morning Mass and at other times on request.

Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas

This new book by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full details at whatgoodnews.org.

Other events + volunteering

Requiem Mass, Leytonstone

A sung Requiem Mass for all at rest in the cemetery will take place at St Patrick's Cemetery Chapel, Langthorne Road, E114HL at 10am on **Friday 20 November.**

Retreat: Be still and know that I am God

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat on **20-23 November** explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god.

BCYS Advent retreat at Walsingham House

A weekend of festive fun, friendship, prayer and reflection exploring the meaning of Advent on **12-13 December**. Open to anyone in school years 10-13. All information and applications at www.bcys.net/events.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage

Join BCYS in Lourdes, **17 to 24 July 2027**, for an unforgettable week of faith, friendship and service, supporting elderly and infirm pilgrims while experiencing prayer, processions, excursions and plenty of opportunities to grow in faith!

Applications are open now for all those in school years 10 and above. All information and applications at www.bcys.net/events.

Trustee: Prison Advice & Care (PACT)

PACT is looking for a new trustee to join its board and chair its audit committee. PACT supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families across England and Wales. PACT is particularly interested in hearing from people with experience in finance, audit, risk or governance.

If you would like to find out more, please email EA@prisonadvice.org.uk.

Mass times and intentions

Sun	**15**	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (24th Sunday after Trinity)**	
		World Day of the Poor	
		10.00 Francis Alfred Gunasegaram & Antony Jeyakumar Gunasegaram RIP (Rosemani Gunasegaram)	
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Mon	**16**	**S. Edmund of Canterbury**	
		18.30 Michael Walsh – special intention	(Danuta)
Tue	**17**	**Mass of Requiem**	
		9.00 Mrs Mary Nathan RIP – 1st anniversary	(Jason Nathan)
Wed	**18**	**Mass of Requiem**	
		9.00 Deceased members of the Abreo & De Souza Family	(Anita Lewis)
Thu	**19**	**Mass of Requiem**	
		9.00 Chukwuebuka Ezique RIP	(D Lee)
Fri	**20**	**Mass of Requiem**	
		9.00 Deceased members of the De Souza and Luis Family	(Anita Lewis)
Sat	**21**	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
		9.00 Antonio Josef – thanksgiving & spiritual guidance	(Maria Josef)
Sun	**22**	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Youth Sunday)**	
		10.00 Rita & Arthur Young – 60th wedding anniversary in October	(Arthur Young)
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Tuesday to Saturday			
		8.00 Office of readings and morning prayer – week 1	
		8.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday			
		17.30 Evening prayer – week 1	

Stewards

This Sunday Jennifer Alvares, Siew Mendoza, Arthur Mendoza
Next Sunday Bernadetta Sharon, Lionel Sharon, Tolu Ayeni

Extraordinary Ministers

This Sunday **10am** Juliet Addai, Charles Nwaoha, Lily Sarpong
5pm Marilyn Butler, Josef Sehion

Next Sunday **10am** Francis Addai, Marina Julian, John Sarpong
5pm Marilyn Butler, Maxima Emmanuel

Ministers taking communion out today Juliet Addai, Pauline Brooke, Charles Nwaooha Rita Young, Jennifer Alvares, Barbara Cheah Josef Sehion (5pm)
Spiritual communion call Rita Young

Ministers taking communion out next Sunday Marina Julian, Pauline Brooke, Charles Nwaoha, Rita Young, Jennifer Alvares, Josef Sehion (5pm)
Spiritual communion call Theresa McDonagh

Readers (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

This Sunday Sonia Gable, Theresa McDonagh
Next Sunday Enitan Awosanya, Kanista Jesuthasan

Repository Rita Young

Refreshments Gifty Addoh

Cash counting Shanise Uthman

Flowers next Saturday Barbara Cheah